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North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
YELLOW RIBBON YOUTH SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION WEEK
September 21-27, 2003

WHEREAS, youth suicide is one of the most disruptive and tragic events a family and a community can experience; and

WHEREAS, suicide is one of the leading causes of death for young people between the ages of 15 and 24 in the United States, claiming more than 5,000 lives a year; and

WHEREAS, public awareness of this terrible problem is the key to preventing further suffering and loss of life; and

WHEREAS, the Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program is recognized as a symbol for awareness and prevention of youth suicide by suicide prevention groups, crisis centers, schools, churches, youth centers, hospitals, counselors, teachers, parents and youth throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, all citizens are encouraged to work to prevent youth suicide, wear a yellow ribbon and to raise awareness and tolerance of all people affected by this tragedy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 21-27, 2003, **YELLOW RIBBON YOUTH SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

John Hoeven
Governor

ATTEST:
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State